



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2006

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### **Administrative Business**

Chair Harvey Klein (GSL) called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The June Meeting minutes were approved.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Laboratory Certification Program/PT Program:** Rachel Werner (NJDEP OQA) stated most ACPL renewals were mailed, if not received, please call Rachel. A letter stating NELAC certification extension until 9/30 will be mailed this week.

The drinking water make-up study was shipped July 10<sup>th</sup>. The study will close August 24<sup>th</sup>. June WP study closes on July 27. Mark Feitelson (PAS) asked if a lab is under applied status, can they order additional PTs directly from the supplier. Ms. Werner answered yes, but if certified, the lab must get the PTs through the NJDEP OQA. Phil Worby (QC Labs) stated the PT results from ERA are available on-line prior to the deadline for submittal of DMR QA forms. Ms. Werner will follow-up. SHW letters and invoices will be mailed August 1<sup>st</sup>. Suspension letters will be mailed August 21.

Tom Cady (HC-V) asked about the plans for certification of the updated 8270 method (8270D). Stu Nagourney (NJDEP OQA) stated labs should update to the new method. There will be a grace period, but it is expected that labs will eventually update. Harvey Klein (GSL) stated concern with NJDEP OQA certifying for SW-846 methods which are guidance and not promulgated. Mr. Klein requested a written policy regarding when laboratories must perform the updated version of the method.

Greg Tomkovich (Accutest) expressed concern regarding the different % recoveries for LCS, Surrogates, and MS on the 6<sup>th</sup> version of OQA QAM 025. It was requested that Dr. Mike Miller address via email or at the next ELAC meeting.

**NELAC/INELA Update:** A2LA has released their list of 4 PT providers which includes ERA, RTC, & NYDOH. As of 9/30 the A2LA providers will be the only acceptable providers for NELAC (via email from Rachel Werner NJDEP OQA "it has come to the OQA's attention that PT providers have been told that A2LA will be releasing it's first class on July 31, 2006. Once the OQA has a final list of the PT providers accredited by A2LA a letter will be sent to all NELAC laboratories. The list on the A2LA site now is only the providers that already had accreditation and is not the first class of providers from A2LA. If anyone has any questions they can call the OQA.")

**NJQLs:** Stu Nagourney (NJDEP OQA) stated the implementation of the request for NJQL data is delayed. The request for regulatory approval is also delayed. Harvey Klein (GSL)

stated that most labs do not object to the collection of NJQL data but they do object to the link to laboratory certification.

Stu Nagourney commented on the ACIL Federal Advisory Committee (FACA) MDL paper cited in June. Mr. Nagourney stated the paper was published by the technical committee not the policy board. The MDLs will only apply to drinking water, other programs are not obligated to accept the recommendations. All FACA recommendations need to be promulgated which is a multi-year process.

**Bioassay:** No report.

**Sludge (Biosolids):** No update.

**Communications and OQA Website:** No update.

### **Old Business**

**PWTA Update/Bureau of Safe Drinking Water:** Harvey Klein (GSL) stated the new E2 reporting system is not working yet. The targeted implementation date is August 1st. Mr. Klein also expressed concern regarding a Preparer attempting to get submitter rights for his laboratory. Mr. Nagourney (NJDEP OQA) stated the safeguard is that the Laboratory Administrator must grant the Preparer status. An email is sent by the NJDEP to the Administrator requesting Preparer rights and rights are not granted until the Administrator approves.

**Site Remediation:** No update.

**New Business:** None.

**Lab Certification Fee Proposal:** Nothing to report.

There were not any other new issues. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for 09:30 AM on August 10th, 2006 – 5th Floor Conference Room.

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